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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3489

Good morning.

My name is Monique Bochsler. I firmly oppose HB 3489, as it imposes an excessive severance tax on both public and private forest owners, threatening the viability of private forestry businesses. This legislation will also lead to reduced funding for the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), which plays a crucial role in wildfire management. At a time when agencies are making progress in understanding the causes of increasingly severe wildfires and developing effective solutions, this bill undermines their efforts and jeopardizes our collective ability to combat these devastating events.